



The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,  
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton



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### **Sunday 3 May The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*CW Lectionary Acts 7. 55 – end; John 14. 1 – 14*

8:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

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*Hymns: 584, 664, 471, 728 & 609 (choir), 814 (omit verses 3 and 5)*

*Prayers for healing are usually available after the 10am service in the side chapel at St Mary's*

10:30am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

10:30am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 131, 142, 148, 143*

#### **Collect**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### **For your thoughts and prayers**

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Diane Whitford, Anne Clarke, Shirley Lynch, Sandra Haward and David Clegg & family.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Jean Harding, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

#### **READING Acts 7. 55 – end**

*(Standing before the high priest and the council)* Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

#### **GOSPEL John 14. 1 – 14**

*Jesus said to his disciples:* 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

## Tuesday 5 May

From 2:30pm Milton Primary Carer's Coffee and Chat at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour  
*For parents/carers of Milton School, on the first Tuesday of the month, come for a coffee and a chance to chat with other carers as well as members of the church and school. Younger siblings are welcome to join us; toys and refreshments provided.*

## Wednesday 6 May

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Gillingham  
10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Men's Group at Rawson Court  
2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Singing Together' at Rawson Court  
2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room  
*Also, today at Eden – Looking for a unique card and gift? Come along to Jo's Crafts (2:00pm – 4:00pm)*

## Thursday 7 May

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room  
2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Sing-a-Song of Praise' at The Malthouse Care Home

## Friday 8 May

9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group in the Vicarage School Room  
2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Name This Tune' at St Martin's House, Queen Street

## Saturday 9 May

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room  
12:30pm – 3:30pm Repair Café in the Vicarage School Room

## Sunday 10 May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*CW Lectionary Acts 17. 22 – 31; John 14. 15 – 21*

10:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham  
10:30am Matins St Nicholas Church, Silton  
10:30am Holy Communion St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour  
12noon Baptism of Autumn and Olive Windsor at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

### *'ANNIVERSARY CONCERT' with 'TOP BRASS & WIND CONCERT BAND'*

*Soloist, ARABELLA HEATON.*

*And Special guest appearances with BELLE STREET*

ST MARY'S CHURCH, GILLINGHAM, SATURDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6.30PM

FREE ENTRY..... RAFFLE..... REFRESHMENTS



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY GILLINGHAM.



## Saturday 30 May - Annual Charity Plant Sale

This will be held on the Gillingham Town Meadow. I have no official times yet, but it will be in the morning. Last year we managed to raise just over £500 for Church funds and we hope to do as well this year. Perennials, annuals and young vegetable plants all sell well and house plants, succulents and ferns are popular too. This year we will be selling pottery pots and their saucers and plastic pots of various sizes but no garden furniture or other large garden items. Plants and pots can be left near the South Door of St. Mary's Church on Friday, 29 May or bring them to the Meadow before 9:00am on the day of the sale. We look forward to seeing you there. *Meriol Cottrell (tel 075826 23482)*

